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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine: draft resolution

Economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 52/169 H of 16 December 1997 and the conclusions contained therein,[1]

Recalling the Agreed Conclusions 1999/1 of the humanitarian affairs segment of the Economic and Social Council, in particular the relevant paragraphs thereof,

Stressing the importance of the regional cooperation initiatives and assistance arrangements, such as the Process of Stability and Good-Neighbourliness in South East Europe (Royaumont initiative), the South-East European Cooperative Initiative, the South-East European Cooperation Process, the Central European Initiative and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation,

Welcoming the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe, adopted in Cologne, Germany, on 10 June 1999,

Taking note of issue number two of the *Economic Survey of Europe*, 1999[2], in particular the relevant chapters thereof,

Recalling its resolution 54/62 of 1 December 1999,

1. *Expresses concern* at the special economic problems confronting the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, in particular their impact on

[1] A/54/534.
[2] E.99.II.E.3.

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regional trade and economic relations and on navigation along the Danube and on the Adriatic Sea;

2. *Welcomes* the support already provided by the international community, in particular by the European Union and other donors, to the affected States to assist them in coping with their special economic problems during the transition period following the lifting of the sanctions pursuant to Security Council resolution 1074 (1996) of 1 October 1996, as well as in the process of economic adjustment following the developments in the Balkans;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the effective implementation of the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe, the objective of which is to strengthen countries in South-Eastern Europe in their efforts to foster peace, democracy, respect for human rights and economic prosperity, in order to achieve stability in the whole region, and of its follow-up activities aimed, *inter alia*, at economic reconstruction, development and cooperation, including economic cooperation in the region and between the region and the rest of Europe;

4. *Invites* all States and the relevant international organizations, both within and outside the United Nations system, in particular the international financial institutions, to continue to take into account the special needs and situations of the affected States in providing support and assistance to their efforts for economic recovery, structural adjustment and development;

5. *Encourages* the affected States of the region to continue the process of multilateral regional cooperation in such fields as transport and infrastructure development, including the resumption of navigation on the Danube, as well as to foster conditions favourable to trade and investment in all the countries of the region;

6. *Invites* the relevant international organizations to take appropriate steps, consistent with the principle of efficient and effective procurement and with General Assembly resolution 54/14 of 29 October 1999 on procurement reform, in order to broaden access for interested local and regional vendors and to facilitate their participation in the efforts for reconstruction, recovery and development of the region;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.